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1919 M Street, N.W.
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Re: MobileMedia Corporation, *et al*
WT Docket No. 97-115

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

On September 2, 1998, MobileMedia Corporation, Debtor-in-Possession ("MobileMedia"), and Arch Communications Group, Inc. ("Arch") submitted to the Commission Applications for Transfer of Control and Petition to Terminate and For Special Relief (the "Application"). The Application contemplates the transfer of control of MobileMedia to Arch and the transfer of Arch to a new, widely-dispersed group of investors. Because the Applicants believe that the proposed transaction meets the requirements of the Commission's *Second Thursday* doctrine, the Application also requests that the pending hearing on MobileMedia's qualifications be terminated.

MobileMedia believes that the filing of its Application on September 2 meets the requirements of the Commission's Stay Order.¹ That Order granted a 10-month stay of this proceeding to enable MobileMedia "to make a showing under the Commission's *Second Thursday* doctrine."² The Application contains that showing. Accordingly, MobileMedia assumes that the hearing will not resume during the pendency of the transfer applications.

¹ *MobileMedia Corporation, et al.*, 12 FCC Rcd 7927 (1997) (granting 10 month stay of hearing). On June 11, 1998, the Commission extended the stay until October 6, 1998. *MobileMedia Corporation, et al.*, FCC 98-109 (rel. June 11, 1998).

² *MobileMedia Corporation, et al.*, 12 FCC Rcd at 7927.

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However, to the extent necessary, MobileMedia hereby requests the continuance of the stay while the Application is pending. An original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office to ensure that it is properly placed in the docket for this proceeding. Please contact the undersigned counsel if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Pettit", written in a cursive style.

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cc: Attached Service List

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